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fibers and optical fiber array  
fabricated by use of the  
aligning implement

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The undersigned certifies that each of the following references was contained in a communication from the EPO in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the search report is enclosed for reference.

The disclosed references are:

US 4,762,387; issued August 9, 1988; Batdorf, et al.; filed February 21, 1986.

JP 05,134,146; Japanese Patent Office; published May 28, 1993, with English abstract.

EPO 0 826 996, European Patent Office, published March 4, 1998.

JP 07-198995; Japanese Patent Office; published August 1, 1995, with English abstract.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

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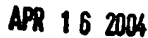
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